Madhya Pradesh are being centrally purchased by the headquarter of South Eastern Railway at Garden Reach, Calcutta;

(b) if so, what action is being taken to ensure that these purchases are made from the small scale and other industrial units of Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether it is fact that the Railway Minister in April, 1987 during the Railway exhibition at Bhopal gave an assurance that in future maximum possible items would be purchased from the local industrial units;

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon so far;

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken to establish and promote ancilliary units to meet the requirements of wagon repair workshops in Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) whether the guidelines issued by the Bureau of Public Enterprise on 5th May, 1978 in regard to establishment of ancilliary units are proposed to be followed by the Railway Board in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. Madhya Pradesh has one major workshop under Central Railway and one under South Eastern Railway. Procurement for most of the material is done by the headquarters of the respective zonal railways viz. Bombay & Calcutta respectively.

(b) Procurement of material for the railways is done based on competitive tendering, and small scale industrial units including those in Madhya Pradesh are eligible for price preference as per Government policy.

(c) No, Sir. The assurance given was in respect of rendering assistance to those proposing to set up industrial units locally under the aegies of Madhya Pradesh Government Industries Department by way of dissemination of information regarding specifications, annual requirements, guidance in technical and other matters to enable them to compete in the railway purchase programme.

(d) and (e) Guidelines have been issued to Central Railway for encouraging setting up of ancilliary industries in and around Madhya Pradesh for the new units being set up there.

(f) Instructions have been issued to 5 new units (3 workshops and 2 Production Units) for following the Bureau of Public Enterprises' guidelines in regard to development of ancilliary units, in harmony with Railways' Purchase Procedure.

Introduction of Air service between Bangalore and Singapore

3458. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have informed Karnataka Government that they propose to introduce an Air bus service from Bangalore to Singapore and since customs and immigration facilities are not available, they are starting the same temporarily from Madras; and

(b) whether permission from the concerned authorities for establishment of Customs and immigration facilities at Bangalore airport has since been obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLERS): (a) Karnataka Chief Minister has since been informed that Indian Airlines have started Madras-Singapore flight with convenient connections to Bangalore. This flight could very well emanate from Bangalore, if necessary customs and immigration facilities were available.

(b) No, Sir.

New scheme for tourist promotion in Karnataka

3459. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has forwarded a number of schemes to the Central Government for construction of Yatrikas and creation of addi-

tional facilities at several places of tourist attraction and if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The Central Ministry of Tourism does not entertain proposals directly from the State Governments for construction of Yatrikas. Projects relating to Yatrikas are formulated and executed by Bharatiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti which is a registered society promoted by the Ministry of Tourism. However, for development of tourist infrastructure at various centres, the Ministry of Tourism has received the following proposals from the State Government of Karnataka:—

(i) Beach Resort at Karwar.

(ii) Accommodation facilities at Belur.

(iii) Water Sports equipment at T.B. Dam.

(iv) Chalukyan Centre at Badami.

(v) Wayside facilities at Chitradurga.

(vi) Yatri Nivas at Bangalore.

Financial assistance for these projects will be considered subject to merits of the proposals, availabilty of funds, inter-se priorities and completion of necessary formalities by the State Government.

Broad Gauge Rail lines in Karnataka

3460. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka is deficient in Broad Gauge kilo metrage as compared with other States in the South on the basis of railway route per million population and railway route per 10,000 km. area, and

(b) whether any action is being taken by Government to remove this deficiency, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway projects are not approved on consideration of Broad Gauge route kilo metrage available in a particular State. However, in Karnataka, conversion of Bangalore-Mysore MG line into BG has been taken up.

Assault by Principal on Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bongaigaon

3461. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent incident of physical assault by the Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bongaigaon on six teachers of this Vidyalaya;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan against the Principal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) On preliminary enquiries, the allegation that the Principal had physically assaulted six teachers of the school could not be substantiated. However, it was found that a teacher had slapped the Principal. The Principal had also filed an F.I.R. with the police and reported the matter to the Chairman, Vidyalaya Management Committee. The concerned teacher has been placed under suspension and disciplinary proceedings are contemplated against him.

Expenditure on various functions held in Pondicherry University

3462. DR FAGUNI RAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Central University, Pondicherry functions are being held once in a month on a large